

Richard Rogers, President
John Carlson, Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission
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Dear President Rogers and fellow Commissioners,

Members of our County Fish and Game Commission have studied the pertinent documents and attended numerous meetings of the MLPA process. In addition we have had the MLPA issue on the agenda as part of our formal meetings. After careful review we have voted to formally support Option 2XA for the North Central Zone.

We do so in recognition that this option protects some of the highest rated biological areas while minimizing economic impacts to the affected area of southern Mendocino County, particularly the port and city of Point Arena.

It has been often emphasized that the MLPA process is a "Bottom up" one. Local fishermen, divers, and concerned citizens have invested countless unpaid hours in arriving at through compromise and agreement to support Option 2XA as reflected in the preponderance of support letters on file to the State Fish and Game Commission. Option 2XA will serve to provide key protected areas for nurturing marine life and over time will provide species such as rock fish, abalone, and crab to populate areas outside the reserves for sport and commercial fisheries to benefit the southern Mendocino economy and way of life.

Sincerely,

Craig Bell – Chair, Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission

CC:
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
MLPA Initiative Team
Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman